

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (currently amended) An airbag comprising:  
an inflatable cushion made from a first material having an inflator opening to  
accommodate receipt of an inflator; and  
a baffle comprising a second material and a baffle opening, the baffle opening  
being aligned with at least one-third of the inflator opening and having an area that is  
~~at least one half of approximately double~~ the area of the inflator opening, wherein  
the baffle opening is present in the baffle before the airbag is filled with inflation gas  
from the inflator.

2. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening is  
aligned with approximately one-half of the inflator opening.

3. (cancelled),

4. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 further comprising a heat shield  
having an inflator opening to accommodate receipt of the inflator, the heat shield is  
made from a material different from that comprising the inflatable cushion.

5. (original) An airbag according to claim 4, wherein the heat shield is  
attached to the baffle.

6. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening has  
an oval shape.

7. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening has a  
circular shape.

8. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle has two baffle  
openings.

9. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle comprises an upper section and a lower section, the baffle opening is substantially located in the upper section of the baffle.

10. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 where the baffle and the heat shield are made from a coated woven nylon fabric.

11. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the heat shield is attached to the baffle by using double needle chain stitch, the stitching is approximately 10mm from the edge of the heat shield.

12. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening is disposed in the baffle so that a portion of the inflation gas passes through the baffle opening without contacting the baffle.

13. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening is disposed in the baffle so that the baffle has no influence on the deployment trajectory of the airbag.

14. (cancelled)

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19. (cancelled)